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Vernon A. Williams, Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
Case Control Unit, Suite 713
1925 K Street, N.W.
Washington, DC 20423-0001

Re: Ex Parte No. 575, *Review of Rail Access and Competitive Issues-Renewed
Petition of the Western Coal Traffic League*

Dear Mr. Williams:

Please **CANCEL** the notice of intent to participate in the public hearing that I filed in behalf of ALBANY & EASTERN RAILROAD COMPANY (AERC) on July 3, 2006. Due to an unavoidable conflict, representatives of AERC will not be able to appear at the hearing. I apologize to the Board for the inconvenience caused by this cancellation of appearance.

Very truly yours,

Tom McFarland

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